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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP TO FRASER HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) STATE 047129, (B) 77 JAKARTA 16210

1. MERDEKA ARTICLE JANUARY 11 CITED BY ANDERSON REPORTED THAT
A BANNER ERECTED IN FRONT OF PAJAJARAN UNIVERSITY IN BANDUNG
BY DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS CARRIED THE INSCRIPTION "THE MPR
IS 61 PERCENT APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT - DISSOLVE IT BEFORE
THE GENERAL SESSION (OF THE MPR)." NO OTHER MENTION WAS MADE
OF THE MPR OR ITS COMPOSITION.

2. FOR THE RECORD, THE MPR IS CONSTITUTED AS FOLLOWS:

A) 360 ELECTED TO DPR (GOLKAR 232, PPP 99, PDI 29)

B) 75 ABRI (GOLKAR) PROPOSED BY HANKAM AND APPOINTED BY
THE PRESIDENT TO DPR.

C) 25 CIVILIANS (GOLKAR) PROPOSED BY FUNCTIONAL GROUPS
OR BY THE PRESIDENT AND APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO DPR.

D) 155 ABRI (GOLKAR) PROPOSED BY HANKAM AND APPOINTED
BY THE PRESIDENT TO MPR
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E) 52 CIVILIANS (GOLKAR) PROPOSED BY FUNCTIONAL GROUPS
OR BY THE PRESIDENT AND APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO MPR.

F) 118 PROPOSED BY GOLKAR AND THE POLITICAL PARTIES
FROM THEIR LISTS OF UNELECTED CANDIDATES FOR DPR, REFLECT-
ING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION (GOLKAR 76, PPP

32, PDI 10). THEY ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, BUT HE MAY NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE LISTS SUBMITTED BY THE PARTIES.

G) 135 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN BY THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES (DPRDS), WITH EACH PROVINCE HAVING 4 TO 7 DELEGATES DEPENDING ON ITS POPULATION. THE GOVERNORS ARE EX-OFFICIO INCLUDED IN THIS NUMBER. THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE SELECTIONS MADE BY THE DPRDS, BUT POLITICAL PRESSURE IS REPORTEDLY APPLIED IN SOME INSTANCES TO INFLUENCE THE COMPOSITION OF PROVINCIAL LISTS. THIS CATEGORY, HOWEVER, INCLUDES 16 PPP MEMBERS AND 4 PDI MEMBERS.

3. OF THE TOTAL MPR MEMBERSHIP OF 920, THE PRESIDENT TECHNICALLY APPOINTS 425 (46 PERCENT), BUT SINCE HE DOES NOT CONTROL THE 118 NOMINATIONS FROM THE PARTY LISTS (ALTHOUGH HE MAY INFLUENCE THE GOLKAR LIST) THE ACTUAL NUMBER SHOULD BE 307 (33 PERCENT). IF GOVERNORS, WHO ARE APPOINTED TO THEIR GUBERNATORIAL POSITION BY THE PRESIDENT FROM NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE DPRDS, ARE INCLUDED, ANOTHER THREE PERCENT SHOULD BE ADDED. THE PPP HAS 147 MPR MEMBERS (16 PERCENT) AND THE PDI 43 (4.7 PERCENT).

4. IN QUOTING ADMIRAL SUDOMO, ANDERSON APPEARS TO HAVE SWITCHED FOOTNOTES NOS. 8 AND 9. IN TEMPO DECEMBER 3, CONFIDENTIAL

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1977, SUDOMO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT EACH YEAR SOME 200 "OLD TIMER" (STOK LAMA) COMMUNISTS NOT NEW CADRES - ARE ARRESTED (REF B). NO MENTION WAS MADE OF "FORMER PRISONERS". THERE WAS NO SUDOMO ARTICLE IN KOMPAS DECEMBER 23, 1977, BUT THE DECEMBER 23, 1975 ISSUE REPORTED SUDOMO'S SPEECH TO A MUHAMMADIYAH CONFERENCE OF STUDENTS AND YOUTH IN SEMARANG WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "IN RECENT YEARS AN AVERAGE OF 500 PERSONS ARE STILL ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE G30S/PKI AFFAIR."

5. ON OCTOBER 4, 1977, SUDOMO TOLD AMBASSADOR NEWSOM (JAKARTA 13414) THAT FURTHER ARRESTS OF PKI SUSPECTS WERE FEW IN NUMBER AND REPRESENTED ENTIRELY PRE-1965 PARTY MEMBERS STILL AT LARGE WHO WERE CONTINUING TO PURSUE COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. HE SAID NO CLASS B DETAINEES RELEASED UNDER THE CURRENT PLAN HAD BEEN RE-ARRESTED, ALTHOUGH A FEW HAD RESUMED LEFTIST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND WERE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED SINCE THAT TIME.
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